

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 17, 2002
1651 E. Morten, EMS Conference Room**

Members Present: Dr. Michel Sucher (Chairman), Dr. Charles Frank Allen, Dan Judkins, Mark Tellier, Nancy Shaver, Sheri Farr Jorden, Roy L. Ryals, Dr. John Porter, Dr. Stuart Alt, and Dr. David Bank.

Members Absent: Shelagh O'Connor, Ingrid Bachtel, Dr. Michael Seby, Dr. Steve Thompson, Sgt. Rich Thacher, Jim Morgan, and Dr. Scott Petersen.

Guests Present: Whitney Erickson, Sherry Stoffen, Darlene Rodriguez, Kathleen Ruiz, Bill Ashland, Philomene Spadafore, Tracey Edwards, Tom Wachtel, and Heidi Campus.

BEMS Staff Present: Chuck Kramer, Deb Gorombej, Judi Crume, Pennie Klein, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, Dona Markley, Larry Heidenberg, and Betty Yunick.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairman, Dr. Sucher, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the June 17, 2002 agenda and the minutes of April 25, 2002 with no corrections.

Motion carried. It was recommended to add a column for excused absences to the minutes.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Judi Crume, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services' Bureau Chief, addressed the Board:

- The Legislature completed the 2003 budget
- EMS budget appropriations remains level for the next year
- Injury Prevention has been approved by the Director and is coming to the Bureau
 - Working on a model to demonstrate that injury should be a tremendous part of the Bureau
 - The State Injury Prevention Plan will be integrated with the Comprehensive EMS/Trauma Plan

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Membership Update** – Dr. Sucher introduced Dr. David Bank to the board as a new member in the category of “Representative From Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Central Region”.

Dr. Sucher reported that there are two vacancies on the advisory board:

- Representative from the National Association of Retired Persons
- Representative from Local Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Councils – Western Region

Please send any nominations to Dr. Sucher or Dr. Crume.

- B. EMS Rules Update** – Chapter 25 Rule Revision is moving forward and will be sent out for public comment later this summer. A letter was sent out in the mail regarding licensing timeframes, revised current rules and new rules. A notice of correction regarding the administrative rule change to R9-25-803 was also sent out. Protocol for Drug Box Procedures Exhibit 1. EMT-P, Qualified EMT-I Drug List and Exhibit 1. EMT-1 Drug List was handed out at the meeting. The correct concentration for Furosemide should be 40 mg/10mL and Bumetanide should read 0.25 mg/1 mL.
- C. Introduction of Injury Prevention Specialist** – Dr. Sucher introduced a new member of the staff, Deborah Gorombe, to the Board.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. STAB Executive Committee** – The committee met on June 3rd and discussed:
- The problems of not having a quorum at all committee meetings. The ability to change the bylaws to “members present” as a quorum will be pursued with the Attorney General.
 - The committee agreed unanimously that STAB’s ongoing role should be to provide advice on trauma center designation, and the implementation of the EMS and Trauma Plan.
 - Possibly having a single executive committee (combining STAB, EMS and MDC).

Item: Discuss combining all three committees into one executive committee

Follow Up: EMS Council Executive Committee

When: June 20, 2002

- B. AZTQ Committee** – The committee met on May 16th and had a quorum for 25 minutes held by a conference call. Dr. Porter recommended changing the bylaws to members present constituting a quorum. A Task Force will be meeting before the next AZTQ Committee meeting to discuss the data elements.

Item: Data Elements

Follow Up: AZTQ Committee

When: September 26, 2002

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Trauma System Development Update** – “Arizona EMS and Trauma System Development and Implementation ADHS-BEMS Status Report to STAB 6-17-02”. A handout was distributed.

The Bureau is beginning the process implementing the plan. Deborah Gorombe will be working on prevention grants, developing the prevention component of the State Prevention Plan and the EMS and Trauma Plan.

Trauma Registry data elements have been identified in prior policy and should be used until changed formally. The final recommendations of the new data elements will come from the AZTQ Committee by September and then to STAB.

The first data submission date using the new registry products is June 30, 2002 for January through March data. Hospitals will submit what they have by that date.

B. Report on Tobacco Initiative – (This should be called a referendum) The tobacco referendum is to increase tax for cigarettes by 60 cents per pack. It will go to the vote of the people in November. If it goes through this would go to AHCCCS to be utilized for reimbursement for trauma.

- 20 cents of each dollar collected will go into the emergency health services account
 - Uncompensated care
 - Trauma centers
 - Proposition 204 protection account
- 27 cents of each dollar goes to a medically needed account
- Additional funds for Health Care Services
 - Medically indigent
 - Low income
 - Health Research Fund
 - Health Education Account
 - Administrative

These are estimated revenues and they can change based on usage. Question was raised if the referendum is passed how the trauma dollars would be utilized. The Arizona Hospital Association has not met with AHCCCS yet regarding a formula as to how the trauma dollars will be utilized.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Trauma Billing Codes – Pennie Klein handed out an American Hospital Association Billing Committee based summary of Trauma Center Billing Codes (May 2002). The current information is that new Trauma Codes will be available for use by ACS Verified Trauma Centers and State or other statutorily designated Trauma Centers. Discussion ensued as to the meaning of the terms trauma hospital “designated/categorized” and what constitutes designated/categorized. Pennie explained the common distinctions between designated, categorized, verified and levels of service.

It was recommended that each hospital explore the issue regarding hospital usage of these codes.

The new 68x series UB92 Trauma Revenue Codes will go into effect October 1, 2002.

B. Report on Trauma Strategic Alliance – Mark Tellier stated that a fundraising initiative in Tucson is underway and he will be reporting on the status at the upcoming meetings.

- Speaking engagements
- Mass mailing detailing history of the trauma situation raising political initiative
- There is not a lot of political support and community awareness
- Golf tournaments

It is Mr. Tellier's opinion that formation of a strategic alliance will not be possible at this time. Due to potential anti-trust issues raised by the fact that there are a relatively small number of trauma centers. Mark Tellier was advised not to proceed at this time.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Porter questioned if the tobacco referendum goes through and the state says that the money goes to the trauma centers then can the trauma centers get to use the billing codes.

Dan Judkins recommended advertising for the category of "Representative from National Association of Retired Persons" in newspapers (i.e., Sun Valley, Green Valley, Sun City) or have a reporter write an article to put in one these papers. Anywhere there is a large concentration of retired people.

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Southwest Regional Conference will be held on September 26th and 27th at the Tucson Convention Center. The AEMS conference was held on June 14th and 15th and was very successful.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held October 24, 2002.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by STAB 10/24/02